(b) and (c) Do not arise.

CBI Raids Balco Officials Premises

708. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. had raided the premises of the higher officers of the Bharat Aluminium Company including the Chairman during the last year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of incriminating documents and disproportionate assets recovered as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the searches conducted, some documents have been seized by CBI.

(c) Various documents seized during the searches are under scrutiny by CBI.

Power Generation from Residuum of Sugarcanes

†709. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power can be generated in the country from the residuum of sugarcanes after the process of crushing thereof in sugar-mills;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment of power generation capacity by the above process; and

(c) if so, the production capacity in the financial year 1998-99 alongwith the assessment of average cost of power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total potential of surplus power generation through bagasse based co-generation in sugar mills in the country has been estimated at 3500 MW.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.